



MePCSW Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2019 - 1:30 pm-3:00 pm
Nash School Building, Augusta

No one in Attendance at Nash School.

Participating Remotely: Jill Randall, Amy Fried, Kate Elmes, Ruth Kermish-Allen, Fatuma Hussein, Rebecca Austin, Kelly Bentley

Absent: Samantha Lott Hale, Meredith Strang Burgess, Muriel Mosher

June 12, 2019 minutes not reviewed.

Membership

Kate volunteered to be the point person on membership issues. She will connect with appointing authorities to check status on each seat. Nikki will send her the current membership list.

2019 Report

Will follow the same format as the 2017 report with an additional topic area of *New Maine Women*. The goal is to incorporate underserved and underrepresented women and girls within each topic area and focus on their current status in their own section.

- * Please contact the lead person (listed below) of any area you are interested in working on.
- * Fatuma will set up a Google Doc containing folders for each section.
- * First draft in each area should be available (in folders) for the commission to review by 11/25/19.
- * Reworked drafts should be ready to review at the December 11 commission meeting.

Economic Security – Kate

Kate will work with contacts in this field to put together.

Freedom from Violence – Rebecca

Rebecca will work with her contacts at sexual assault agencies to ensure their information is included with DV info in this brief.

Health – Kelly

Education – Ruth (K-12) and Amy (post-secondary)

New Maine Women – Fatuma

This will incorporate underserved populations, focusing specifically on migrants, asylum seekers, refugees and immigrants.

Chair, Vice-chair

Per bylaws, the Governor appoints the Chairperson of the Commission following a recommendation determined by a two-thirds vote of a Commission quorum. The Chair names a Vice-chair in the same manner. The selections must be made each year prior to the first meeting of the Commission.

Rebecca is willing to put her name in as chair of the commission, pending her appointment.

Kate is willing to be vice chair and would assume membership chair duties as part of that role.

Meeting dates for 2020 not determined.

Next meeting - Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 9:00-10:30am